Since domestic demand has been increasing steadily, no special measures are envisaged for inc. easing per capita consumption in the country. Revision of production target is not considered necessary keeping in view the steady increase in the consumption and likely export demand in the future.

Free travel for Emiployment within the member countries of WTO

3107. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, under the GATT agreement, citizens of the member countries of WTO, are free to travel to other member countries for the purpose of employment and other professional venture;

(b) if so, the steps taken or contemplated to facilitate Indian citizens to secure employment etc. abroad in the event of any restriction/restraints being imposed upon them by any of the WTO member countries in contravention of the GATT agreement;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of foreign nationals 'nave already taken up jobs in various professions in India by virtue of the said agreement;

(d) if so, the number thereof alongwith names of the respective countries; and

(e) the details of the machanism, if any, introduced to regulate their entry, activities and the overall conduct in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The General Agreement on trade in services (GATS) provides a framework for the negotiation of market access commitments in various services sectors and for the temporary relocation of skilled personnel as a part of a services contract or in the catergories of intra-corporate transferees and business visitors. Negotiations on the temporary relocation of skilled personnel are still continuing at Geneva. India is seeking market access in its major trading partners for its skilled personnel in different services sectors. The WTO Agreement has provisions for consultation and dispute settlement which can be invoked in case a member country adopt measures in contravention of the Agreement-

(c) Negotiations on the temporary relocation of skilled personnel under the GATs are still continuing. It is not possible to determine the number of foreign nationals employed in India as a result of the Agreement.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The entry and activities of foreign nationals into the country are regulated by the visa regulations and security checks. Since negotiations on movement of personnel have not yet concluded, there has been no change in these regulations on account of the GATS.

Import and Export of Sugar

3108. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of sugar imported during the period 1.4.94 to 21-12-94 as compared to the last two years; and

(b) what is the total quantity of sugar exported during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the information available with Director General of Commercial